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1. The Institute for the Mechanization and Electrification of Agriculture (Instytut Mechanizacji i Elektryfikacji Rolnictwa-IMER) was directly subordinate to the Ministry of Agriculture; its offices were located in Warsaw at 8 Rakowiecka Street in a primitive barracks. In addition to the office, which employed about 30 people, the institute had its own workshop and garages for tractors and agriculture machines, and several hectares of land on which trials and tests were carried out. The institute also owned a State Farm which [ ] could only locate as being near Warsaw. 50X1
2. Up to 1954, the IMER had the following mission:
  - a. Working out methods for the mechanical cultivation of the land.
  - b. Designing prototypes of agriculture machines which would be best suited for Polish soil.
  - c. Testing the usefulness and adaptability of imported and home-produced agricultural machines and establishing methods for their exploitation.
  - d. Analyzing the production of agricultural machines and sheaf binding twine and submitting opinions to the interested government authorities.

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e. Working out the norms on the wear and tear of spare parts in tractors and agriculture machines.

3. [ ] the institute had already developed several types of agriculture machines, among them a new type of Polish tractor-driven plow for the Ursus tractor. The new plow was already in production and was considered good. In 1953, the institute was working on a new type of combustion engine tractor and a new electric engine tractor. [ ] learned of the outcome of these experiments. [ ] new models were constructed in the institute's workshop by using some parts and engines of foreign production. [ ] never heard of the institute's working on Polish models of cream separating machines, milking machines, or wool-clipping machines. 50X1
4. The achievements of the institute were not striking. More complicated heavy agricultural machines, such as the S 4 combine and the KD 35 tractor, were based on Soviet models. Some machines developed by the institute and produced in Poland, such as sowing machines (Kutnowiak) and potato digging machines (UK), were faulty; some parts of them, such as gear wheels, traction wheels, and rods, were produced with faults which were not discovered until the user had received the machine. 50X1
5. A Professor, Dr. Czesław Kanafojski, was in charge of the institute in 1954. The research and scientific personnel were young and, [ ] not experienced. The institute was not highly respected; its position and opinions were rated low among the higher ranking employees of the Ministry of Agriculture. It worked very slowly, spending a considerable amount of time on each problem in conducting extensive tests before submitting an opinion. Very often the questions were quite urgent. It also made heavy demands for technical materials; this was impracticable because of the general shortage of materials in Poland. [ ] heard rumors that the institute would be reorganized. 50X1

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